

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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CAREER AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

People who choose to study criminal justice are people with a passion for helping, protecting and serving other people. No matter what you are doing, you know you are making a difference in someone's life. Criminal justice prepares adults for the responsibilities in many important careers.

The criminal justice curriculum is designed to prepare students for careers in many professions related to crime and justice. You will gain an acute understanding of crime-solving and public safety issues as you learn to not only navigate the intricate fields of criminal justice but also shape the future of our justice system.

Twenty-first century criminal justice is so much more than what you thought. The work goes on in local, state, and federal offices, community agencies and across a wide variety of jurisdictions.

- Law enforcement and policing remain a major component of the field, but it now includes prevention, community building, investigative work, forensics specialist, statistical work to understand where, how and why crime occurs.
- Involvement with the judicial system is also a major component of the field; court reporting, paralegals, U.S Marshalls, special agents, victim advocates.
- Corrections is the third major component of the field: probation officers, teachers and counselors in correctional facilities, rehabilitation counselors, health/addiction specialists, statistical work to evaluate policies of corrections
- Prepares graduates for entry into a wide variety of positions in and victim services programs as well as professional settings involving work with victims of crime, their families, and the community at large.

A Criminal Justice major will give you an AAS degree that puts you on the path to a career in the field. At the end you will meet qualifications for numerous jobs in criminal justice. You will also be ready to go further in your educational program if more specialized positions are your goal. If you have questions, please contact us.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES OFFERED

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Criminal Justice

Academic Prerequisites

- None

Academic Requirements

- Students must pass all prerequisite courses with a "C" or "P" or better in order to enroll in any CJA courses with a "200" or higher designator.

Non-Academic Prerequisites

- None

Non-Academic Requirements

- None

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AAS DEGREE

Minimum 90 credits. Students must also meet Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements and Associate of Applied Science Requirements. Students must complete a total of four courses of General Education. Some courses specified within the program may be used as General Education. In addition to required courses in

the program of study, students must satisfy MTH 58/65 competency. Students should consult with program advisors for course planning.

Criminal Justice Degree Courses

Code	Title	Credits
CJA 100	Professions in Criminal Justice	3
CJA 101	Cultural Diversity in Criminal Justice Professions	3
CJA 111	Introduction to Criminal Justice System - Police	3
CJA 112	Introduction to Criminal Justice System - Courts	3
CJA 113	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System - Corrections	3
CJA 114	Introduction to Juvenile Process	3
CJA 210	Arrest, Search and Seizure	3
CJA 211	Civil Liability in Criminal Justice	3
CJA 212	Criminal Law	3
CJA 220	Mental Health & the Law	3
CJA 225	Justice and Legal Rights	3
CJA 230	Police Report Writing	3
CJA 244	Tactical Communication in Crisis Incidents	3
CJA 250	Human Trafficking	3
COMM 218	Interpersonal Communication (COMM214=COMM218=COMM218Z) ^Z	4
WR 121	Composition I (WR121=WR121Z) ^Z	4
Choose one of the following:		4
PS 201	U.S. Government [*]	
PS 202	U.S. Public Policy & Democracy [*]	
PS 203	State and Local Government [*]	
Criminal Justice Communications Electives		4
Human Studies Electives		8
Justice Studies Degree Electives		18
General Education: 2 courses		
Total Credits		90

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Could be used as General Education

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This course is part of Oregon Common Course Numbering. The following courses are equivalent:

COMM 214, COMM 218, and COMM 218Z
WR 121 and WR 121Z

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMUNICATION DEGREE ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 100	Introduction to Communication (COMM100=COMM100Z) ^Z	4
COMM 105	Listening	4
COMM 111	Public Speaking (COMM111=COMM111Z) ^Z	4
COMM 140	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	4
COMM 228	Mass Communication and Society	4
COMM 237	Gender and Communication	4

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This course is part of Oregon Common Course Numbering. The following courses are equivalent:

COMM 100 and COMM 100Z

COMM 111 and COMM 111Z

HUMAN STUDIES ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Credits
PSY 101	Psychology and Human Relations	4
PSY 201A	Introduction to Psychology I (PSY201A=PSY201AZ) ²	4
PSY 239	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	4
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOC 205	Social Change	4
SOC 206	Social Problems	4
SOC 213	Diversity in the United States	4

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PSY 201A and PSY201AZ

JUSTICE STUDIES DEGREE ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Credits
AD 109	Justice Systems and Addiction	3
CJA 117	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
CJA 213	Evidence	3
CJA 214	Criminal Investigation	3
CJA 215	Forensic Science and Criminalistics	3
CJA 217	Interviewing and Interrogation	3
CJA 224	Women, Gender & Crime	3
CJA 227	Intro to Cybercrime	3
CJA 228		3
CJA 231	Crime Scene Photography	3
CJA 246	Fish and Wildlife Enforcement	3
CJA 265	Community Reentry for Offenders	3
CJA 266	Intro to Probation & Parole	3
CJA 280A	Cooperative Education: Criminal Justice ¹	3
PL 100	Professions in the Law	3
PL 140	Immigration Law for Paralegals	3
PL 208	Family Law	3
PL 210	Legal Protection for Vulnerable People	3

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